

The U.S. Patent 5,448,110 for which the priority claim is made was submitted to the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement on 2/16/96. The Examiner already has considered it, as indicated by his signature dated 3/6/97 on Form PTO-1449.

Corrections to Figure 12

In reviewing the application before payment of the issue fee, the undersigned discovered an error in the drawing reference numerals in Figure 12. Specifically, the numerals 270, 274, 282, 286, 290, and 294 appearing in Figure 12 do not appear anywhere in the specification or in Figure 11. (Since Figure 12 is identified as a sectional view taken from Figure 11, the reference numerals in those two figures should be consistent.)

Applicant requests the Examiner's approval of the enclosed drawing amendment which changes these drawing numerals to be consistent with those in Figure 11 and in the description of Figure 12 at page 27, line 16 – page 28, line 7 of the specification.

The undersigned would greatly appreciate a telephone call from the Examiner confirming the disposition of this amendment before the **6/24/97** due date for payment of the Issue Fee.

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